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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

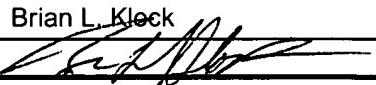
<i>Application Number</i>	09/817,124
<i>Filing Date</i>	March 27, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Toshiyuki SUDO, ET AL.
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	2671
<i>Examiner Name</i>	P. Pappas
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	02355.012213

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114						
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on <u>January 20, 2006</u> (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ul>						
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</li> <li>iv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Applicants request a one (1) month extension of time from January 20, 2006 to February 20, 2006. The \$120.00 fee is enclosed.</u></li> </ul>						
2.	Miscellaneous						
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)						
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____						
3.	<b>Fees</b> The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. <table style="float: right; margin-right: 10px;"> <tr> <td>02/21/2006 JADD01</td> <td>00000075 09817124</td> </tr> <tr> <td>01 FC:1801</td> <td>790.00 OP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>02 FC:1251</td> <td>120.00 OP</td> </tr> </table>	02/21/2006 JADD01	00000075 09817124	01 FC:1801	790.00 OP	02 FC:1251	120.00 OP
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a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. <u>06-1205</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)</li> <li>ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</li> </ul>						
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checks in the amounts of \$ <u>790.00</u> and \$ <u>120.00</u> are enclosed						
c.	<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)						

#### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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